

In re Appln. of Timothy C. Sowell
Serial No. 09/418,943

Please amend claim 41 as follows:

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41. (Once Amended) The method of claim 37 wherein the self-monitoring process software comprises functions for informing the customer of a need to reorder credit to continue using the executable software.

Please amend claims 53-55 as follows:

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53. (Once Amended) A memory containing a software module structure facilitating automated distribution of software to customers, the software module structure comprising:
a supplier identification;
a product description;
a billing definition; and
an executable program.

54. (Once amended) The memory containing a software module structure of claim 53 wherein the billing definition includes a usage rate.

55. (Once Amended) The memory containing a software module structure of claim 54 wherein the billing definition includes a lifetime rate.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated June 6, 2001, and the references cited therein have been carefully considered. As noted in paragraph 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-44 and 53-55 are presently pending. No claims currently stand allowed. In view of the amendment to claims 34, 41, and 53-55 (which are intended solely to improve the readability of the claims and are intended to neither narrow nor broaden the scope of those claims) and the reasons set forth herein below, the pending claims 1-44 and 53-55 are patentable over the prior art presently known to the Applicant. Accordingly, Applicant requests favorable reconsideration of the previous rejection of the now